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ABSTRACT

Fortran II subprograms have been developed for evaluating the complete elliptic integrals of the first and second kinds on the RCA 601 computer. These subprograms exhibit an error no greater than $2 (10)^{-8}$ over the entire range of definition.

DEFINITIONS

The complete elliptic integral of the first kind is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} K(m) &= \int_0^1 \left[(1 - t^2) (1 - mt^2) \right]^{-1/2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - m \sin^2 \theta)^{-1/2} d\theta, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

and the complete elliptic integral of the second kind is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} E(m) &= \int_0^1 (1 - t^2)^{-1/2} (1 - mt^2)^{1/2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - m \sin^2 \theta)^{1/2} d\theta. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

In the above expressions m is the parameter of the integrals. This quantity is related to the modulus k and the modular angle α by the relations

$$m = k^2 = \sin^2 \alpha. \tag{3}$$

One may also define the complementary parameter m_1 and complementary modulus k' through the relations

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &= 1 - m \\ &= (k')^2 = \cos^2 \alpha \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

The user is cautioned that many texts define elliptic integrals in terms of the modulus k .

PROGRAMMING METHOD

The complete elliptic integrals are evaluated using the polynomial approximations given by Equations 17.3.34 and 17.3.36 of the Handbook of Mathematical Functions:⁽¹⁾

17.3.34

$$K(m) = \left[a_0 + a_1 m_1 + \dots + a_4 m_1^4 \right] + \left[b_0 + b_1 m_1 + \dots + b_4 m_1^4 \right] \ln(1/m_1) + e(m)$$

$$|e(m)| \leq 2 \times 10^{-8}$$

$a_0 = 1.38629$	436112	$b_0 = .5$	
$a_1 = .09666$	344259	$b_1 = .12498$	593597
$a_2 = .03590$	092383	$b_2 = .06880$	248576
$a_3 = .03742$	563713	$b_3 = .03328$	355346
$a_4 = .01451$	196212	$b_4 = .00441$	787012

17.3.36

$$E(m) = \left[1 + a_1 m_1 + \dots + a_4 m_1^4 \right] + \left[b_1 m_1 + \dots + b_4 m_1^4 \right] \ln(1/m_1) + e(m)$$

$$|e(m)| < 2 \times 10^{-8}$$

$a_1 = .44325$	141463	$b_1 = .24998$	368310
$a_2 = .06260$	601220	$b_2 = .09200$	180037
$a_3 = .04757$	383546	$b_3 = .04069$	697526
$a_4 = .01736$	506451	$b_4 = .00526$	449639

Listings of the subprograms are given in Figures 1 and 2. In these subprograms the Fortran floating point variable B plays the role of the complementary parameter m_1 . The natural logarithm subroutine LOG(B) in the RCA 601 Fortran II package normally causes a loss of significant figure accuracy halt if $|1-B| < 10^{-2}$. In the present case, however, the logarithm will maintain sufficient accuracy when used in an expression of the form

$$\sum_i a_i m_1^i - \ln(m_1) \sum_i b_i m_1^i$$

with

$$\sum_i a_i m_1^i \approx \sum_i b_i m_1^i.$$

so that the result will be accurate to full significance. Thus the loss of accuracy halt was inhibited in these subprograms by using the special call BYPASS(LOG,B).

CALLING PROCEDURE

The complete elliptic integrals of the first and second kind are evaluated by placing the terms ELK(B) and ELE(B), respectively, in any floating-point Fortran arithmetic expression. Note that the calls are in terms of the complementary parameter $B = m_1$. This was done, on the suggestion of R. W. Klopfenstein, to avoid the loss of accuracy in the machine computation of

$$B = 1 - (1 - B) \quad (5)$$

when B is known to full accuracy. (Note in Figures 1 and 2 that the integrals are evaluated in terms of B.)

EXAMPLE: To evaluate the expression

$$C = K(m = A) + E(m_1 = B) + 2 K(\alpha = D^0) \quad (6a)$$

with A, B, and D known, one could write the Fortran statement

$$C = ELK (1.0 - A) + ELE (B) + 2.0 * ELK (COS DF (D) ** 2) \quad (6b)$$

ERROR STOPS AND SPECIAL CONDITION

B must satisfy $0 < B \leq 1$ for ELK (B) and $0 \leq B \leq 1$ for ELE (B). For B outside these limits an error message is printed giving the value of B. The job is then terminated with a dump.

For $B = 0$ in ELE (B) the polynomial approximation is bypassed, ELE is set equal to 1.0, and control is returned to the calling program.

ACCURACY

Provided B is given to full (i.e., 9 significant figures) accuracy, ELE and ELK will exhibit an error of no more than $2 (10)^{-8}$, that is, 2 units in the ninth significant figure.

In testing the ELK program, two situations were encountered where poorer accuracy was obtained. First, as would be expected, calls of the form $ELK (1.0 - (1.0 - B))$ for small B yielded results which were accurate to the same number of significant figures as $(1.0 - (1.0 - B))$. Thus, the above form of the call should be avoided when the complementary parameter B is available. Second, calls of the form $ELK (COS DF (D) ** 2)$ lost several significant figures of accuracy when D was very close to 90° . This is due to a loss of significance in COS DF at these values, as is illustrated below.

ELE is not subject to the same loss of significance since in this program there is no constant term in polynomial which multiplies the logarithm. [See 17.3.36 of Reference (1).]

TESTING

Both ELK and ELE were evaluated for the following values of m and α

$$m = 10^{-5}, 10^{-4}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-2}, 0.1(0.05)0.9(0.01)0.99, 0.999, 0.9999, 0.99999$$

$$\alpha = 0 (10) 80 (1) 89 (0.1) 89.9 \text{ degrees}$$

The results are shown in Figures 3 through 8.

The computed values were compared with values taken from Tables 17.1 and 17.2 of Reference (1) or values computed by a special double precision program described below. The Δ columns following the computed values of ELK = FIRST and ELE = SECOND in Figures 3 through 8 give

$$\Delta = (E_{\text{comp.}} - E_{\text{exact}}) (10)^8 \quad (7)$$

where E is the value of the elliptic integral.

It can be seen that both subprograms maintain the specified accuracy over the entire range of m . However, the elliptic integral of the first kind loses some significance for α close to 90° . That this is due to a loss of significance in the cosine evaluation can be seen in Figures 6 through 8 where the column headed Δ_c gives the error in the ninth significant figure of the computed value of the cosine. Note in particular the loss of significant figures in Figure 8.

Figure 9 shows the results of the evaluation of ELE ($\alpha = 90^\circ$) and also shows the error message printed out when ELK (90°) was called.

SPECIAL TEST PROGRAM

In order to obtain accurate values of the elliptic integrals outside the range covered in the tables, a special test program was written in double

precision for the 70/45 Phase I Basic Time Sharing System. This program is shown as Figure 10.

This program uses Equation (8) to obtain three stages of reduction of the parameter m :

$$m_{i+1} = \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - m_i}}{1 + \sqrt{1 + m_i}} \right)^2, \quad i = 0, 1, 2 \quad (8)$$

where

$$m_0 = m \quad (9)$$

and

$$m_{i+1} < m_i \quad (10)$$

Next, $K(m_3)$ and $E(m_3)$ are evaluated using the series expansions 773.2 and 774.2 of Dwight.⁽²⁾ (The reduction on m assures that these expansions are rapidly convergent, even for m very close to 1.) Finally, Equations 17.3.29 and 17.3.30 of Reference (1) are applied three times to obtain $K(m)$ and $E(m)$, respectively.

Figure 11 shows the results obtained from this program for selected values of m . Comparison with tabulated values show the results are accurate to 13 significant figures.

To obtain Figure 12, the statement

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35      M = SIN(1.5707963267948966*M/90)**2
```

was inserted between statements 30 and 40 in the test program. Thus, in this table M represents the modular angle (in degrees). Better than 9 significant figure accuracy was obtained over the entire range.

The coding procedure used in the test program was not used in the subprograms since it requires more code and takes longer to execute.

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*COMPILE

```
C      COMPLETE ELLIPTIC INTEGRAL OF FIRST KIND
C
C
C      ERROR LESS THAN 0.00000002
C
000001      FUNCTION ELK(B)
000002 F      LOG
000003      IF(B) 130,130,100
000004      100 IF(1.0-B ) 130,110,110
000005      110 ELK=((((0.0145119621*B+0.0374256371)*B+0.0359009238)*B
          1      +0.0966634426)*B+1.38629436)/(((0.00441787012*B
          2      +0.0332835535)*B+0.0688024858)*3+0.124985936)*B+0.5)
          3      *BYPASS(LOG,B)
000006      RETURN
000007      130 PRINT 900,B
000008      900 FORMAT(27H0COMPLEMENTARY PARAMETER B=,
          X      E18.9,38H IS OUT OF RANGE IN ELK=JOB TERMINA
          1TED)
000009      CALL PMDUMP
000010      END
```

Figure 1.

*COMPILE

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C      COMPLETE ELLIPTIC INTEGRAL OF SECOND KIND
C
C
C      ERROR LESS THAN 0.00000002
C
000001      FUNCTION ELE(B)
000002      F      LOG
000003      IF(B) 130,140,100
000004      100 IF(1.0-B ) 130,110,110
000005      110 ELE=(((0.0173650645*B+0.0475738355)*B+0.0626060122)*B
          1      +0.443251415)*B+1.0)*(((0.00525449639*B+0.0406969753)*B
          2      +0.0920018004)*B+0.249933683)*B)*BYPASS(LOG,B)
000006      RETURN
000007      130 PRINT 900,B
000008      900 FOR IAT(27H00COMPLEMENTARY PARAMETER B=,
          X      E18.9,38H IS OUT OF RANGE IN ELK=JOB TERMINA
          1)ED)
000009      CALL PMDUMP
000010      140 ELE=1.0
000011      RETURN
000012      END
```

Figure 2.

M	FIRST	Δ	SECOND	Δ
0.00000	1.57079633	0	1.57079633	0
0.00001	1.57060026	+1	1.57079240	0
0.00010	1.57033560	0	1.57075706	0
0.00100	1.57118926	+1	1.57040355	0
0.01000	1.57474557	+1	1.56686195	+1
0.10000	1.61244136	+1	1.53075764	0

Figure 3.

M	FIRST	Δ	SECOND	Δ
0.15000	1.63525672	-1	1.51012182	-1
0.20000	1.65962358	-2	1.48903504	-2
0.25000	1.68575035	0	1.46746220	-1
0.30000	1.71368945	0	1.44536306	0
0.35000	1.74435060	0	1.42259115	+2
0.40000	1.77751939	+2	1.39939215	+1
0.45000	1.81388395	+1	1.37540199	+2
0.50000	1.85407469	+1	1.35064389	+1
0.55000	1.89892491	0	1.32502450	0
0.60000	1.94956773	-2	1.29842802	-1
0.65000	2.00759838	-2	1.27070746	-2
0.70000	2.07536314	0	1.24157057	0
0.75000	2.15651565	0	1.21105603	0
0.80000	2.25720534	+1	1.17848994	+2
0.85000	2.38901650	+1	1.14339580	+1
0.90000	2.57809210	-1	1.10477472	-1

Figure 4.

M	FIRST	Δ	SECOND	Δ
0.91000	2.62777331	-2	1.09647751	-1
0.92000	2.68355139	-2	1.08793749	-1
0.93000	2.74707299	-1	1.07912139	-2
0.94000	2.82075248	-2	1.06998612	-1
0.95000	2.90833724	-1	1.06047372	-1
0.96000	3.01611249	0	1.05050223	0
0.97000	3.15587496	+1	1.03994687	+1
0.98000	3.35414146	+1	1.02859453	+1
0.99000	3.69563736	0	1.01599355	0
0.99900	4.84113254	-2	1.00217077	-2
0.99990	5.99158933	-1	1.00027458	0
0.99999	7.14277247	-2	1.00003321	0

Figure 5.

ANGLE	FIRST	Δ	SECOND	Δ	COS	Δ_c
0.0	1.57079633	0	1.57079633	0	1.000000000000	0
10.0	1.58284282	+2	1.55888721	+1	0.98480775400	+1
20.0	1.62002590	0	1.52379920	-1	0.93969262200	+1
30.0	1.68575034	-1	1.46746220	-1	0.86602540500	+1
40.0	1.78676915	+2	1.39314027	+2	0.76604444200	-1
50.0	1.93558109	-1	1.30553908	-1	0.64278760900	-1
60.0	2.15651566	+1	1.21105603	0	0.49999999900	-1
70.0	2.50455006	-2	1.11837774	0	0.34202014600	+3
80.0	3.15338525	0	1.04011441	+1	0.17364817900	+1

Figure 6.

ANGLE	FIRST	Δ	SECOND	Δ	COS	Δ_c
81.0	3.25530295	+1	1.03378948	+2	0.15643446500	0
82.0	3.36986804	+1	1.02784364	+2	0.13917310000	0
83.0	3.50042252	+2	1.02231260	+1	0.12186934100	-2
84.0	3.65185596	-1	1.01723693	+1	0.10452846500	+2
85.0	3.83174199	-1	1.01266351	0	0.08715574354	+8
86.0	4.05275817	0	1.00864795	-1	0.06975647314	-6
87.0	4.33865401	+3	1.00525857	-2	0.05233595424	-20
88.0	4.74271717	-9	1.00258407	-2	0.03489949954	+28
89.0	5.43490974	-9	1.00075156	-2	0.01745240764	+14

Figure 7.

ANGLE	FIRST	Δ	SECOND	Δ	COS	Δ_c
89.1	5.54020302	-1	1.00062176	-2	0.01570731734	0
89.2	5.65792447	-48	1.00050275	-1	0.01396217904	-13
89.3	5.79140015	-21	1.00039489	0	0.01221699804	-28
89.4	5.94550061	-20	1.00029657	-1	0.01047178624	+21
89.5	6.12777873	-9	1.00021429	0	0.00872653620	+70
89.6	6.35088547	+10	1.00014257	-1	0.00698125960	-70
89.7	6.63853776	-42	1.00008414	-1	0.00523596174	-209
89.8	7.04397887	-81	1.00003987	0	0.00349065421	-279
89.9	7.73711124	-81	1.00001102	0	0.00174532976	+139

Figure 8.

ANGLE

FIRST

SECOND

COS

90.0

1.00000000

90.0

COMPLEMENTARY PARAMETER B= 0.00000000E 00 IS OUT OF RANGE IN ELK-JOB TERMINATE

Figure 9.

RESEQ ELLP3

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10      D.P. M,E,K
20 1    FORMAT(E20.6)
30 2    READ 1,M
40      CALL ELLP(M,K,E)
50 3    FORMAT(3H K=,E20.6,3H E=,E20.6)
60      PRINT 3,K,E
70      GO TO 2
80      END
90      SUBROUTINE ELK(M,K)
100     D.P. K,M,B,C,D,F,A
110     F=SQRT(1.0-M)
120     B=1.0
130     F=((1.0-F)/(1.0+F))
140     K=1.0
150     A=F*F
160     D=1.0
170 1    C=(B/(B+1))**2
180     D=C*D*A
190     K=K+D
200     B=B+2.0
210     IF(D.GT.1E-20) GO TO 1
220     K=K*1.5707963267948966*(1.0+F)
230     RETURN
240     END
250     SUBROUTINE ELE(M,K)
260     D.P. K,M,B,C,D,F,A
270     B=1.0
280     F=SQRT(1.0-M)
290     F=((1.0-F)/(1.0+F))
300     A=F*F
310     D=A/4.0
320     K=1.0+D
330 1    C=(B/(B+3.0))**2
340     D=C*D*A
350     K=K+D
360     B=B+2.0
370     IF(D.GT.1E-20) GO TO 1
380     K=K*1.5707963267948966/(1.0+F)
390     RETURN
400     END
410     SUBROUTINE ELLP(M,K,E)
420     D.P. F(3),G(3),H(3),M,K,E,A,B
430     B=M
440     DO 1 I=1,3
450     A=SQRT(1-B)
460     F(I)=1+A
470     H(I)=2/(1+A)
480     G(I)=H(I)*A
490 1    B=((1-A)/(1+A))**2
500     CALL ELK(B,K)
510     CALL ELE(B,E)
520     E=F(1)*F(2)*F(3)*E-(F(1)*F(2)*G(3)+F(1)*G(2)*H(3)+G(1)*H(2)
      *H(3))*K
530     K=H(1)*H(2)*H(3)*K
540     RETURN
550     END

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Figure 10.

CODE ELLP3

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M = .00000001
K = .15707963307218795E 01 E = .15707963228679061E 01
M = .00000001
K = .15707963660647964E 01 E = .15707962875249847E 01
M = .00000001
K = .15707967194941894E 01 E = .15707969340957412E 01
M = .00000001
K = .157080002538077987E 01 E = .15707923997967117E 01
M = .00000001
K = .15708355989121459E 01 E = .15707570561503829E 01
M = .00000001
K = .15711892469233383E 01 E = .15704035540514160E 01
M = .01
K = .15747455615173461E 01 E = .15668619420216629E 01
M = .1
K = .16124413487202102E 01 E = .15307576368977569E 01
M = .2
K = .16596235986105117E 01 E = .14850350586958648E 01
M = .3
K = .17138894481787786E 01 E = .14453630644126632E 01
M = .4
K = .17775193714912399E 01 E = .13993921386974456E 01
M = .5
K = .18540746773013580E 01 E = .13506438810476806E 01
M = .6
K = .19495677498660134E 01 E = .12984280350469106E 01
M = .7
K = .20753631352924591E 01 E = .12416705679458343E 01
M = .8
K = .22572053268208404E 01 E = .11784899243278442E 01
M = .9
K = .25780921133481506E 01 E = .11047747327040893E 01
M = .95
K = .29083372484445388E 01 E = .10604737277662719E 01
M = .96
K = .30161124924776273E 01 E = .10505022269044482E 01
M = .97
K = .31558749478918197E 01 E = .10399468608930877E 01
M = .98
K = .33541414456991409E 01 E = .10285945190307708E 01
M = .99
K = .36956373629898513E 01 E = .10159935450292166E 01
M = .999
K = .48411325605502166E 01 E = .10021707908344512E 01
M = .9999
K = .59915893405059173E 01 E = .10002745224306549E 01
M = .99999
K = .71427724505734512E 01 E = .10000332138990753E 01
M = .999999
K = .82940514635455680E 01 E = .10000038970261672E 01
M = .9999999
K = .94453423974408320E 01 E = .100000004472671157E 01
M = .99999999
K = .10596634749024688E 02 E = .10000000504831680E 01
M =

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Figure 11.

K = .15787963267948944E 01 E = .15787963267948944E 01	
M = 18	
K = .15828428843383439E 01 E = .15588871966615914E 01	
M = 20	
K = .16200258991241928E 01 E = .15237992052597763E 01	
M = 30	
K = .16857503548125823E 01 E = .14674622093394332E 01	
M = 40	
K = .17867691348850221E 01 E = .13931402485238266E 01	
M = 50	
K = .19355810960047058E 01 E = .13055390942978027E 01	
M = 60	
K = .21565156474996231E 01 E = .12110560275684661E 01	
M = 70	
K = .25045500790015128E 01 E = .11183777379698745E 01	
M = 80	
K = .31533952518878112E 01 E = .10401143957065043E 01	
M = 91	
K = .32553429421435226E 01 E = .10337894623907501E 01	
M = 92	
K = .33698680266584051E 01 E = .10278436197408340E 01	
M = 83	
K = .35004224991717971E 01 E = .10223125881675827E 01	
M = 84	
K = .36518559694787094E 01 E = .10172369183410156E 01	
M = 85	
K = .38317419997840988E 01 E = .10126635062343963E 01	
M = 86	
K = .40527581695493044E 01 E = .10086479569070999E 01	
M = 97	
K = .35004224991718246E 01 E = .10223125881675827E 01	
M = 87	
K = .43386539759996475E 01 E = .10052585872091476E 01	
M = 88	
K = .47427172652787094E 01 E = .10025840855276512E 01	
M = 88.1	
K = .47938936793338363E 01 E = .10023603331424942E 01	
M = 88.2	
K = .48478485363025955E 01 E = .10021450964784072E 01	
M = 88.3	
K = .49040991835163269E 01 E = .10019385221423065E 01	
M = 88.4	
K = .49654207227696609E 01 E = .10017408021770492E 01	
M = 89	
K = .54349098296252899E 01 E = .10007515777018264E 01	
M = 89.1	
K = .55402030251923152E 01 E = .10006217753080154E 01	
M = 89.2	
K = .56579243899833175E 01 E = .10005027597561798E 01	
M = 89.3	
K = .57913999403597030E 01 E = .10003948995620452E 01	
M = 89.4	
K = .59455808101587615E 01 E = .10002985756079049E 01	
M = 89.5	
K = .61277788245260010E 01 E = .10002142862614456E 01	
M = 89.6	
K = .63508853799722747E 01 E = .10001425809695159E 01	
M = 89.7	
K = .66385373456341583E 01 E = .10000841452274887E 01	
M = 89.8	
K = .70439796803819920E 01 E = .10000398500959457E 01	
M = 89.9	
K = .77371120574368960E 01 E = .10000110227445724E 01	
M = 90	
K = .19408121051954432E 02 E = .99999999999999999E 00	

Figure 12.

